Setting up of LPT, HPT in Rajasthan during 1996-97

1496. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set up more high power transmitters, low power transmitters and TV extension services/studios in Rajasthan during the current financial year 1996-97;

(b) if so, the details thereof location wise; and

(c) what Central assistance has been provided so far to the State for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI CM. IBRAHIM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details are given in the statement. *(see* below)

(c) A sum of approximately Rs. 50 crores has been sanctioned by the Government towards capital cost of the projects presently under implementation in Rajasthan.

Statement

Transmitter projects under implementation in Rajasthan

HPT	"BARMER (1KW Interim set-up)
	*JAISALMER
	JODHPUR
LPT	*BARI SADRI
	HINDAUN
	MAKRANA
	*KARAULI
	PHALODI
	*RAJGARH (CHURU) *MT. ABU *PRATAPGARH
	*NOHAR *SHAHPURA
	*NIMAJ
	TIBI
	KESRIAJI
VLPT	GANGAPUR
	(BHIL WARA) LALSOT LAXMANGARH

*NEEMKA THANA *Projects technically ready and can be commissioned as soon as staff sanctions are received.

Spurt in Gold and Narcotic Drug Smuggling

1497. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a spurt in gold and narcotic drug smuggling during recent months;

(b) if so, what are the details of contraband seized during each month since January 1996 together with corresponding figures for the years 1994-95; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken to curb this?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Reports available with the Government do not indicate that there is spurt in smuggling of gold or narcotic drugs. Smuggling being a clandestine activity it cannot categorically be stated whether smuggling of gold and narcotic drugs has increased during the recent months.

(b) Details of contraband & narcotics seized during each month since January 96 together with corresponding figures for _ the year 1994 & 1995 are given below:—